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14th Annual Fiesta on the Hill

Celebrate "One Neighborhood, One City, One World"

By Leslie Lombre

The Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center cordially invites all residents, friends and neighbors to this year's Bernal Heights Street Fair & Benefit, Sunday, October 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Eight blocks of Cortland Avenue from Bocana to Folsom Street will turn into the biggest block party in the neighborhood! Two stages of FREE performances (see adjacent schedule) of music, dance and performing artists and grand raffle prize drawings will run throughout the day-long event.

The street will offer activities for all ages - dunking booth, miniature golf and wheel games. Contests for hoop experts, skee-ball sharp-shooters and pie-eating are open to all fair-goers. Art activities include spin wheel art, jewelry making and face painting. And our traditional pumpkin patch and face painters are ready. The kids can take their pony ride down Moultrie Street, get their pictures taken and meet the animals at the petting zoo. The SFFD will bring their big red truck and the SFPD will greet visitors on their Mounted Patrol.

The sidewalk chalk area will return this year. The Fiesta Food Court will offer a wide array of food (ethnic specialties, seafood, non-alcoholic beverages, snacks and desserts.) Your favorite vendors and artisans will be on-site. Local community organizations and other non-profits will be available with information and services. And of course, our Cortland Avenue merchants offering their own distinctive merchandise will be open for business as usual.

Come join with friends and neighbors - it's FIESTA time!

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Prop B: $250 M For Affordable Housing

by Ron Morgan

Election day, November 5th, will present Bernal voters with the opportunity to directly address three of the most pressing and important issues facing San Francisco today - affordable housing, affordable home ownership, and real solutions for homelessness. Although several ballot measures offer hypothetical solutions to these issues, only one, Proposition B, provides a practical and proven remedy. Proposition B, the Affordable Housing Bond, would provide $250 million for financing the development of 4000 units of affordable housing for San Francisco's families and seniors and provide loans to first time home buyers. Prop B is a reauthorization of a smaller bond approved in 1996, which financed 1812 new and renovated affordable units, as well as hundreds of loans for first time homebuyers. Prop B has broad support that includes Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, State Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, Mayor Willie Brown, and our Supervisor Tom Ammiano. Organizational support includes the Council of Community Housing Organizations, SF Chamber of Commerce and the SF Tenants Union.

Many Bernal neighbors are aware of our affordable housing developments at Market Heights, Coleridge Park Homes (senior housing above the Big Lots store on Mission) and the award winning Bernal Gateway Apartments (Mission at Cesar Chavez), but these are just a part of the picture. The BHNC has also developed smaller affordable units, virtually indistinguishable from their neighbors, that provide specialized services such as supportive housing for families transitioning from homelessness. The BHNC's newly completed development at 1652 Eddy St. in the Western Addition, will provide supportive housing for families with parents who are HIV and AIDS positive, including support services for their children and caregivers.

These developments efficiently provide affordable housing linked with support services in ways that private market-rate developments can't (or won't). Without the financing provided by Prop B, however, non-profit developers will be dead in the water, and the costs of providing temporary shelter, emergency medical care, foster care and the host of other costs associated with the lack of housing will only increase.

If you would like to help the Homes for the City Campaign in support of Proposition B, call Marco Montenegro at 415-337-2676, or drop by the BHNC or the Mission Housing Development Corporation at 474 Valencia for literature and window signs.

BHNC's newest affordable housing development at 1652 Eddy St.

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To preserve and enhance the ethnic, cultural and economic diversity and well-being of the Bernal Heights community. We work to build a strong community for all, with a focus on the needs of low and moderate-income people. We do this by providing services to support and increase opportunities for seniors, youth and others most at-risk; by preserving and expanding access to affordable housing; and by building the neighborhood's power and capacity to achieve these goals. We commit to being a provider of essential services, a builder of community, and a force for organizing neighborhood change.

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A Letter to our Neighbors

Dear Neighbors:

Hope your enjoying the transition from summer to autumn in San Francisco and your kids are settled into the school year. **It's time for the 14th Annual Bernal Heights street fair and fundraiser, Fiesta on the Hill.** Please join me as we celebrate our community. We're set to have great entertainment, great activities and great fun. Hope to see you all on Sunday, October 20. And as always, **because of BHNC's loyal supporters, admission is free!**

We recently received two large grants which we are very excited about. The Attorney General's California Gang Violence Prevention Partnership gave us a four year grant to work with high risk youth 8 to 14 years old and the California Endowment partnered with us to build a healthy network for our seniors. **See the classifieds for job openings made possible through these grants** as well as other BHNC job opportunities.

In this issue, you will find information on **Proposition B**, the affordable housing bond. The BHNC board of directors has only endorsed one proposition, this one. **We need to pass this proposition to keep not only Bernal, but all of San Francisco's neighborhoods, diverse.**

Get involved with your neighborhood! Fiesta still needs volunteers for the day of the show and NBJ routes remain available. You can leave me a message at **206-2140 ext 121**. Hope to see you at Fiesta.

Mauricio E. Vela
Executive Director

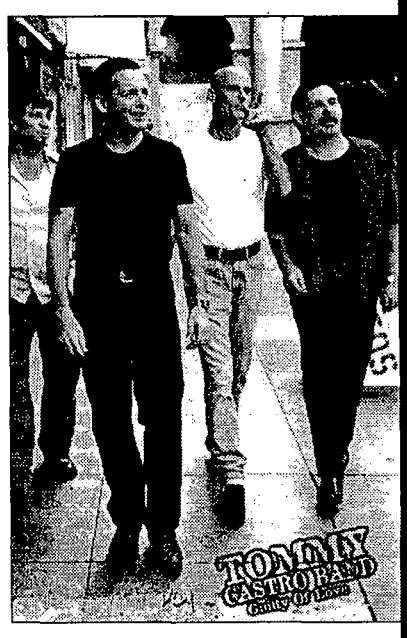
FIESTA on the HILL 2002

Sunday
October 20
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEST STAGE at Cortland Avenue & Bennington Street

- 11:00 Lumin
- 12:15 Zanne Mack Band
- 1:30 Raffle drawing: A Day of Pampering
- 1:30 The Swing Session
- 2:35 Raffle drawing: Home Improvement!
- 3:15 Tommy Castro Band
- 4:15 Raffle drawing: Grand Prize/Get-a-way Weekend for Two
- 4:30 Salsa rueda demonstration/lesson with Alain Soto
- 5:00 Eric Rangel & Orquesta America



Tommy Castro Band

EAST STAGE at Cortland Avenue & Gates Street

- 11:30 Performing artists for all ages: story tellers, folklorico dancers, puppets, musicians, vocalists
- 1:45 Raffle drawing: A Taste of Bernal
- 2:00 Zydeco Flames
- 3:15 Raffle drawing: Ultimate DVD Package
- 3:30 Felonious, Gambitt, Jen Ro
  Fat Rat Entertainment presents Stomp Down, San Quinn, Fully Loaded & Young Bailey + surprise guests
- 4:30 Raffle drawing: Shop 'Till You Drop
- 4:45 Regi Harvey's Example

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Bernal Heights Democrats Have Their Say

November Endorsements Take Two Meetings

by Steve Shapiro

19 city propositions, 7 state propositions, 16 offices, decisions...decisions. Members of the Bernal Heights Democratic Club (BHDC) met twice to discuss the issues and question the candidates. "In the past few years, the ballot has become so lengthy and cumbersome, that it really is necessary to have the assistance of a local organization you can trust to help explain the issues," says Linda Weiner, Vice-President of the club. "We try to fulfill that mission."

"We are one of the only Democratic clubs in the city that personally delivers the endorsement card door to door. This means that we are free of any political influence since we need not solicit large amounts of money from candidates or ballot initiatives to pay the mailing costs.

To help out, join BHDC, or for more information, call club president Tom Gallagher at **826-1362**.

For more information about the candidates and issues:
http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/election/guides/measures110502election.htm
Summaries and budget analysis of city propositions
http://www.calvoter.org/2002/general/propositions/index.html
Summaries and budget analysis of state propositions
http://www.sfpolitics.com/
Links to articles and campaign websites
http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/election/forms/application.pdf
To apply for an Absentee Ballot

The Bernal Heights Democratic Club (BHDC) was organized in 1988 to provide the residents of Bernal Heights an effective voice in government through active participation in the electoral process. The mission of the club is to research issues and candidates in order to educate and mobilize the community through political activities, including community forums and slate cards distribution. Endorsements of candidates and issues reflect the overarching goal of the club, which is to maintain the economic and cultural diversity of the neighborhood by working to further economic and social justice for all residents.

Thanks Bernal Heights for all your support.

Join me -Yes on S
(The Medical Marijuana Initiative)

Supervisor Mark Leno

BHDC Slate 2002

Bernal Heights Democratic Club

CALIFORNIA

Govenor	No Endorsement
Lieutenant Governor	Cruz Bustamante
Secretary of State	Kevin Shelly
Attorney General	Bill Lockyer
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Jack O'Connell
Board of Equalization	Carole Migden
State Insurance Commissioner	John Garamendi
State Controller	Steve Westly
State Treasurer	Philip Angelides
State Senate	Jackie Speier
State Assembly	Mark Leno
Prop 46- Housing & Emergency Shelter Bonds	YES
Prop 47- Public Education Facilities Bonds	YES
Prop 48- Court Consolidation Language Change	YES
Prop 49- After-School Program Funds	No Position
Prop 50- Water Quality; Wetlands Acquisition	YES
Prop 51- Vehicle Tax Reallocation To Transportation Projects	YES
Prop 52- Election Day Voter Registration	YES

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Board of Education	Eddie Chin Danny Guillory Dan Kelly
Community College Board	Johnny Carter Anita Grier Pete Gallegos
Assessor/Recorder	No Endorsement
Superior Court Judge Seat 10	Gail Dekreon
BART Board District 8	No Endorsement
Prop A- $1.6 Billion Revenue Bonds, Water System	YES
Prop B- $250 Million General Obligation Bonds, Affordable Housing	YES
Prop C- $123 Million General Obligation Bonds, Repair Veterans Bldg.	YES
Prop D- Change PUC-Enable Provision of Public Power	YES
Prop E- Change PUC Responsibility- Water & Sewer	YES
Prop F- Allow Supes To Select Some Entertainment Commission Members	YES
Prop G- Clarify City Workers' and Sheriff's Roles in City Elections	YES
Prop H- Improve Retirement Benefits For Police and Firefighters	YES
Prop I- Improve Paid Parental and Maternity Leaves For City Employees	YES
Prop J- Require Full-Time Supervisors, Salaries Set By Civil Service Commission	YES
Prop K- Change Criteria For Awarding Public Notice Publishing Contracts	YES
Prop.L- Increase Real Property Transfer Tax	YES
Prop M- New Duties To Office Of Economic Development	NO
Prop N- "Care Not Cash," Reduce Welfare Payments To Homeless People	NO
Prop O- "Exit From Homelessness" Develop Housing & Treatment Programs	YES
Prop P- Create Committee To Oversee Utility Bond Funds	NO POSITION
Prop Q- Prohibit Use of City Money For Political Campaigns	NO POSITION
Prop R- "HOPE" Ordinance, Home Ownership Thru Condo Conversions, Loss Of Rent Control	NO
Prop S- Declaration of Policy, Explore City Growing and Distributing Medical Cannibis	YES

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Bernal Happenings

The Wandering Bench

There's a special little bench on the corner of Folsom and Jarboe in Bernal Heights. Made of wrought iron sides with wooden slates between, the benchstood alone in the back yard at 3901 Folsom for over 10 years. It was withering away with the ravages of wind, rain and disuse, until given another chance to do what it was made for. After tightening a few screws and a couple of coats of varnish, the little bench was ready for its new assignment.

That was about 2 months ago when the bench was placed on the Folsom Street corner as a rest stop for the folks waiting for the bus. After a few weeks, however, the bench became much more than a place to sit while waiting
for the 67 bus, it was a place to chat with friends, wave to neighbors, even meditate, or just rest for a while. The little bench fulfilled or was creating a need.

Then, 2 weeks ago, the bench vanished. Neighbors of all ages were disgusted by the loss. Some people whom we had never seen before suggested a collection be taken for a new bench.

Well, there's a happy ending. During the evening of September 21st, the bench reappeared across the street from its original spot. A witness noticed 2 males stealthfully remove it from the back of their van and quietly drive off.

Larry Wonderling, the owner of the bench, is very grateful; and when asked if he'll bolt it to the sidewalk, his answer, with a broad grin, was that he didn't think so. As far as he's concerned, it's become the neighborhood's bench and it's quite happy where it is.

YES on Prop D Fundraiser

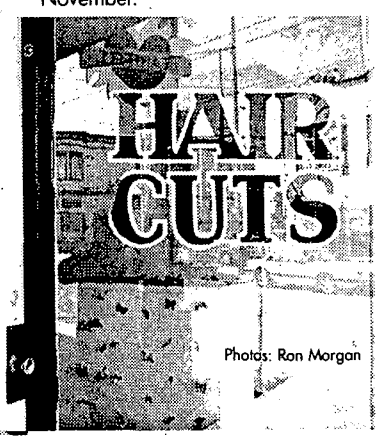
Affordable Clean Energy: Help ensure the passage of Prop D. Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm at Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center 515 Cortland Avenue. Entertainment and information provided. Hosted by Tom Ammiano, Mauricio Vela and others. For more info call **550-6487**.
There is a suggested donation of $25, $50, or $100 for admission.
For more info call **550-6487.**

Goats on the Hill

Junipero Serra Elementary School children visited College Hill Reservoir in Bernal Heights for a chance to meet 150 Spanish and Angora goats recently hired by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to munch the weeds and help prevent fire around the reservoir.

Changes on Cortland

Good Life Grocery's expansion of its Cortland location to include a deli section is anticipated to be completed by early November.



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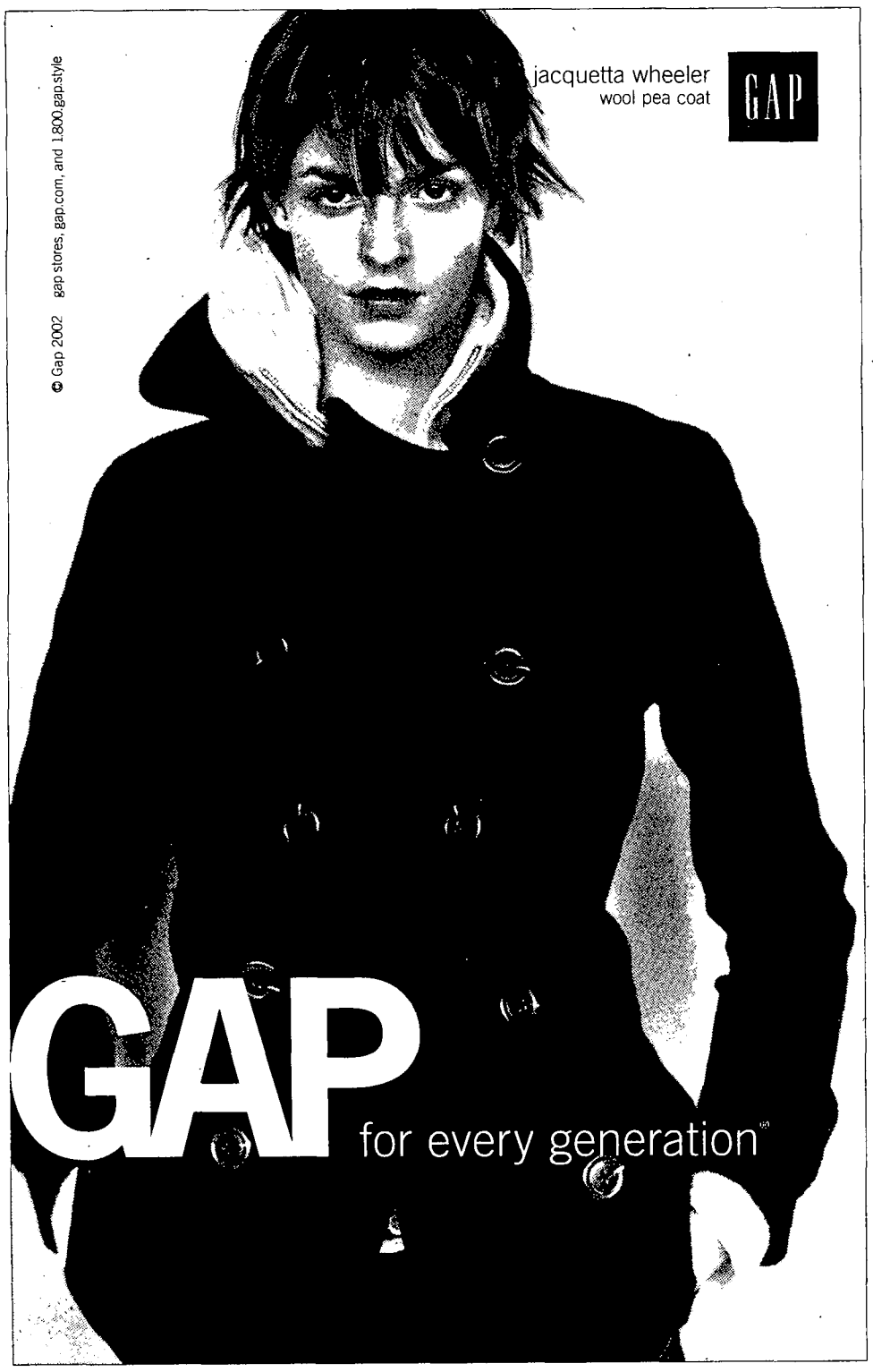
Luisa CCCC, long-time Bernal barber, has moved to a new location on Mission St. Heartfelt has plans to expand into the newly vacant storefront.



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Kragen: 3855 Geary, 668-5241
T&R76-1: 3501 Geary, 752-3968

Pacific Heights & Western Addition
Chevron: 2500 California, 567-1136

South of Market
Firestone: 1501 Mission St., 621-4650
Jiffy Lube: 300 7th St., 255-0900
Kragen: 2300 16th St., 431-3386
Mark Morris Tires: 1401 Mission, 863-3939
Quality Tune-Up: 490 S. Van Ness, 431-6550
SF Honda: 10 S. Van Ness, 441-2000

Potrero Hill & Mission Bay
R + W 76: 800 Folsom, 982-2836
S&C Ford: 211 Industrial, 553-4400

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Kragen: 2246 Lombard, 563-4200

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Kragen: 2500 San Bruno, 656-0696
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Sanitary Fill Company: 501 Tunnel, 330-1400

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Kragen: 2150 Taraval, 682-9177
Chevron: 1890 19th Ave., 731-2733
Mark's Unocal 76: 1700 Noriega, 566-0440

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Port of SF: Hyde St. Harbor @ Jefferson, 274-0565

Russian Hill, Nob Hill & Tenderloin
Chevron: 2465 Van Ness, 441-2240
Jiffy Lube: 2030 Van Ness, 922-7258
Mark Morris Tires: 1200 Larkin, 673-3441

Civic Center
Quality Tune-Up: 1175 Fell, 626-6446

Downtown & South of Market
Union 76: 390 1st St., 957-1754

Mission & Bernal Heights
Oil Changer: 198 Valencia, 487-1740
Unocal 76: 401 Potrero, 863-6043

Bayview & Hunters Point
ABC Auto: 1650 Davidson Ave., 826-8676

Excelsior & Crocker Amazon
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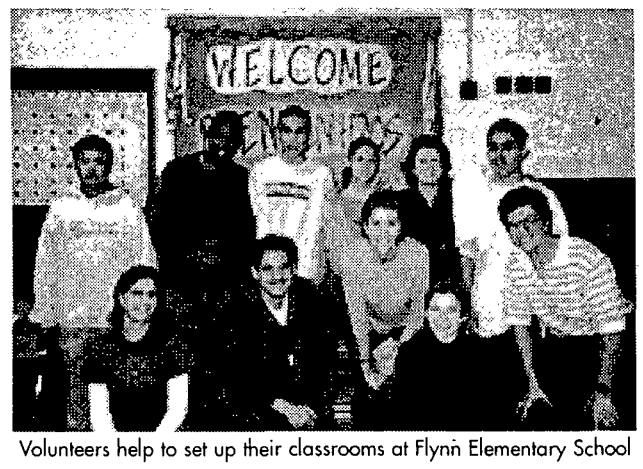
Building Bernal Schools Update

By Amy Risch

It's a new school year and Building Bernal Schools is off and running. We have lots of plans to help our three local elementary schools, and need your help to make them happen! Building Bernal Schools is a committee of the BHNC that aims to provide volunteers, donations, and appreciation to our schools - Leonard Flynn ES, Paul Revere ES and Junipero Serra ES. With community support, our schools can do what they do best - educate and prepare our children for the future.

Here's what we've already done this school year: in the week before school started, volunteers from BBS and the Mayor's Youth Education and Employment Program (MYEEP) helped teachers set up their classrooms for the new year. We did everything from move furniture and boxes to hang posters HIGH on the walls. Many, many thanks to our volunteers: LizNoel Duncan, Gopal Sarin, Paul Brockmann, Nancy Andrews, Mauricio Vela, and the youth from Mayor's Youth Education and Employment Program(MYEEP). As the photo from Leonard Flynn shows, it was fun for the volunteers and much appreciated by the teachers at the schools.

The next event was a volunteer orientation session at BHNC on Thursday, Sept 12th. San Francisco



Volunteers help to set up their classrooms at Flynn Elementary School

School Volunteers came to sign up and prepare volunteers for placement in our 3 schools. The volunteers got free TB testing administered by Mark Freedman - Thanks Mark! - and a lot of information about the schools and what to expect when you're volunteering. If you couldn't make it but want to volunteer in a school, contact SFSV (see Ways You Can Help box on this page for details.)

What's next? Well, we've got plans to Feed the Teachers dinner at each of the 3 schools, Meet The Principals at the Center, do some gardening, painting and construction projects for the schools, and possibly hold an auction to benefit all 3 schools. But we'll need your help to make them happen! To get involved, contact me at **bbs@muleteam.com** or by phone at **648-4019**. See the box on this page for more ways you can help Build Bernal Schools!

Reports from Bernal Elementary Schools

Junipero Serra

By Laura Benton

This is Junipero Serra Elementary. We start the year with great news; our school meets the API Growth Target of last year. Our staff and parents now can see the results of their efforts. We had a successful Back School Night on September 10, 2002. Our children were happy to see their parents in their classrooms.

Junipero Serra will have a Garage Sale on October 19, 2002. We are in need of donated items to sell. Proceeds are to raise funds for the upgrades to the Library and the Playground. If you have any items to donate, please call me at the school **695-5685**.

Also, you can help us through the Campbell Labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education programs. Any labels or box tops you gather can be dropped off at the school office. If you shop by internet, go to www.boxtopsforeducation.com and use the Box Tops marketplace to shop Land's End, Amazon, JC Penney, Staples and more. Pick Junipero Serra Elementary as your school and some percentage of your purchase will be donated to our school.

Paul Revere

by Amy Risch

Good news from last year! We met our API and had 100% attendance on the tests! Our integrated writing assessment more than 20% higher than our target, with 46% of our students scoring at basic or above. That's a significant change from the previous years and a credit to the hard work of the students and teachers! Congratulations to all.

This year our parent and community liaison is Novella Kleinpeter who joined the staff in April. She is focused on increasing attendance, helping families with bus transport, housing services or other needs, and improving the relationship of students, parents and school. She's also studying hard for her degree in Social Work and enjoys trying to put all the pieces together.

Among Novella's projects is Adopt-a-Classroom. The idea is to get businesses or groups to adopt a classroom and donate and volunteer for that classroom. If you're interested in volunteering or adopting a classroom, Novella is the one to contact. She can be reached at **695-5816**.

Bernal neighbors register to volunteer in local elementary schools at BBS Volunteer Night

Leonard Flynn

by Nancy Marisa Sarraga

It is with great pleasure that I return to Bernal Heights as the new Principal of Leonard R. Flynn School! I grew-up in the1600 block of York Street right above Precita St. At that time L.R. Flynn School was named the Le Conte Elementary School. My family moved in the early 70's to the other side of town and it will be 30 years since I have lived or worked in Bernal Heights. I am thrilled to be back!

I have great plans for Flynn Elementary school. I believe that schools should cultivate and celebrate the intellectual, imaginative and humanitarian promise of each student in a community that practices mutual respect, embraces diversity and inspires a passion for learning.

Flynn is full of excitement. As I write this almost five hundred students have returned from summer vacation eager to learn. The teachers at Flynn are deeply committed and genuinely inspired to teach here. Flynn has the highest number of National Board Certified teachers in SFUSD and more are taking the rigorous examination. Soon Flynn School will be an exemplary school and a model for the country.

I am exited at the prospect of developing a relationship with the Bernal Heights community. Please come to

Ways You Can Help

Volunteer In A School

Schools can use all sorts of volunteers - to help in a classroom, tutor one on one, read stories in the library, do gardening, art, music, cooking, sports and/or building projects in a classroom or after school program, help catalog materials, work in the computer lab, whatever! If you have the time, the schools have a need! To be placed in a school, volunteers need to be cleared by San Francisco School Volunteers (SFSV). You'll need to provide 2 positive references, a negative TB test result within the last 4 years, and pass a criminal background check. Parents need only provide a negative TB test result to volunteer. To get started, contact SFSV at 749-3700.

Donations

A great way to help the schools is by providing some needed school supplies. Teachers often spend $500-1000 out of their pockets each year to provide supplies for their classrooms. Donations of money are always welcome and should generally go to the PTA for the most flexibility. To donate money, contact the principal at each school.

Bernal Books has a wish list of books that the schools would love to have to add to their libraries. If you buy them through Bernal Books for the schools, you can get up to 20% off and a tax-deductible donation! See or call Rachel at Bernal Books, **550-0293**, for more details.

Cole Hardware and Craigslist.org have teamed up to provide on-line wish lists for teachers and schools. The teachers register their lists and you can buy the items they really want from Cole Hardware. Cole Hardware gives you a 10% discount and it's all tax deductible. To view the lists, just go to **http://wishlist.craigslist.org** on-line, select a school and then look at the lists. There's lists for all three of the Bernal elementary schools available.

If you have school or art supplies already on hand, or can get some, the schools would love to have them. Needed items include paper, markers, beads, feathers, felt, colored and regular pencils, erasers, i.e. anything that can be used for school art projects or as incentives for kids is wonderful. Call Amy at BBS or the school to arrange a drop-off or pick-up. The schools can also use donations of cabinets, sports equipment, bookcases, fairly recent computer equipment, and rugs. Again, contact Amy at BBS or the schools for arrangements.

Garage Sale Items - Junipero Serra is having a fundraising garage Sale on October 19th and can use salable items in good condition. They can also use volunteers to help pick up items, sort them and sell them! Contact Laura Benton at the school - **695-5685.**

Volunteer with BBS

We've got some ideas for how to help the schools but we need people to turn them into reality and more ideas too! Our meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm at BHNC. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 9th. Please come join us!

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Novella Kleinpeter, Parent and Community Liaison, 415-695-5974

Junipero Serra Elementary School -
Eve Cheung, Principal, 695-5685
Laura Benton, Parent and Community Liaison 695-5685

Leonard Flynn Elementary School -
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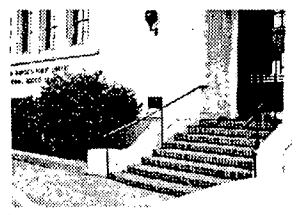
What's New at the Bernal Heights Library?



Microsoft Word and Excel, that's what's new at Bernal Branch. The software has been installed on four computers for public use. This long awaited change should satisfy numerous neighborhood library users. In addition, the "Library Online Reservation System" has been implemented, a Print Release Workstation created and a new Xerox photocopy machine has replaced the old.

The "Library Online Reservation System" replaces clipboard sign ups with an online system. Patrons can look forward to fewer uncomfortable situations waiting to use a computer.

The Print Release Workstation will enable printing from any of the public computers.

And the new photocopier will have three paper sizes, including 11" x 17".

Next on our list of improvements will be the electrical upgrade which will enable us to actually add more pc/s for public use. In the meantime, stop by the branch to try out the new software.

What Have the Staff Been Reading?

Adrian:

HOW PROUST CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE by Alain de Botton

Funny, insightful and considerably shorter than Proust's *Rememberance of Things Past.*

Carol:

A WOMAN BETRAYED by Barbara Delinsky

Fun, escape reading.

Lisa:

NICKEL AND DIMED: ON (NOT) GETTING BY IN AMERICA by Barbara Ehrenreich

With inimitable wit, Ehrenreich, wages war against the minimum wage.

WOMAN: AN INTIMATE GEOGRAPHY by Natalie Angier

Angier informs and entertains with her clever eloquence whether discussing androgens, DNA or dating.

Skye:

STUPID WHITE MEN....AND OTHER SORRY EXCUSES FOR THE STATE OF THE NATION! by Michael Moore

Details sketchy connections between our government and the scandal of the 2000 Presidential election.

SEXUAL ENERGY AND YOGA by Elisabeth Haich

Important in bringing yoga to the west, Haich focuses her attention on consciousness and spiritual growth as it relates to Tantric Yoga.

Sylvie:

BEST DEMOCRACY MONEY CAN BUY: AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER EXPOSES THE TRUTH ABOUT GLOBALIZATION, CORPORATE CONS AND HIGH FINANCE by Greg Palast

This needs to be read to understand just how corrupt our current national government has become.

WOMEN OF THE SILK by Gail Tsukiyama

The fascinating details create a sense of immediacy in this fictional account of rural life in pre-WWII China.

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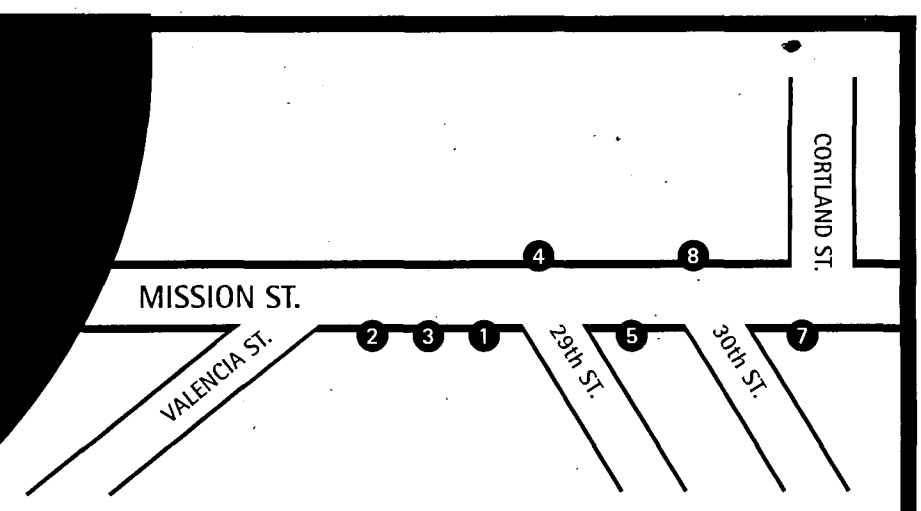

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High Stakes Home Depot Permit Stalled in Limbo

By Ron Morgan

The No Home Depot Committee, a grassroots committee of concerned Bernal residents, and the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center have retained Arc Ecology, a San Francisco community based non-profit organization, as technical consultants to analyze and comment on the Home Depot Draft Environmental Impact Report. Arc Ecology has a long history of environmental activism in the Bayview/Hunters Point community, recently working with BVHP neighbors to hold the US Navy accountable for toxic cleanup at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The BHNC has initiated a fundraising campaign to help pay for Arc's technical support, and the No Depot Committee and Arc Ecology will have a booth at the 14th Annual Fiesta on the Hill to answer questions and take donations. .

The application to allow Home Depot to develop a 150,000 sq. ft. megastore at the foot of Cortland Street is twenty months old at press time and counting, while the Atlanta based home improvement retail giant struggles to provide data for the City-mandated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Sources within the Planning Department say that Home Depot appears to be in no hurry to complete the DEIR, anticipating publication no earlier than the middle of November. Once the DEIR is published it is subject to a 45 day public comment period, followed by a hearing before the Planning Commission for approval, pushing resolution of this phase of the contentious development into the early months of 2003.

22 Months and Waiting...

Despite an intense public relations campaign designed to convince San Franciscans that the Home Depot development is a foregone conclusion, the project has yet to satisfy legitimate community concern regarding the impacts of its scale and size. Sources within the Planning Department have hinted that Home Depot is considering offering a significantly smaller development plan, a fundamental shift from their previously held position that Bernal had no legitimate stake in development along Bayshore. The shift from corporate arrogance to grudging mitigation begs a larger question: What should Bernal's role be in future developments on the Bayshore corridor?

Home Depot's proposed development is the second wave of Big Box development on Bayshore (the first wave, Office Max and the Party Store, failed to attract business), but it's certainly not going to be the last. Next time you're stuck on Cortland Street and Nebraska at the end of a long line of cars waiting for the traffic light at the bottom of the hill to turn green, take a deep breath and imagine that Home Depot is squatting down there spewing hundreds of more automobiles into the mix. Or next time you're down on Mission Street between Persia and the Daly City line, imagine the same sort of economic stagnation and blight (dating from the development of the Colma malls) along our stretch of Mission St and beyond. But the efforts of Bernal neighbors have kept these dystopian visions from becoming a reality; after nearly two years of trying, Home Depot is no closer to breaking ground than it was in January 2001. If you'd like to support this effort to hold the City and Home Depot accountable, please send your donation to the BHNC, 515 Cortland Ave., SF, CA 94110, ATTN: No Depot, or call Ron at **206-2140 X 155**.

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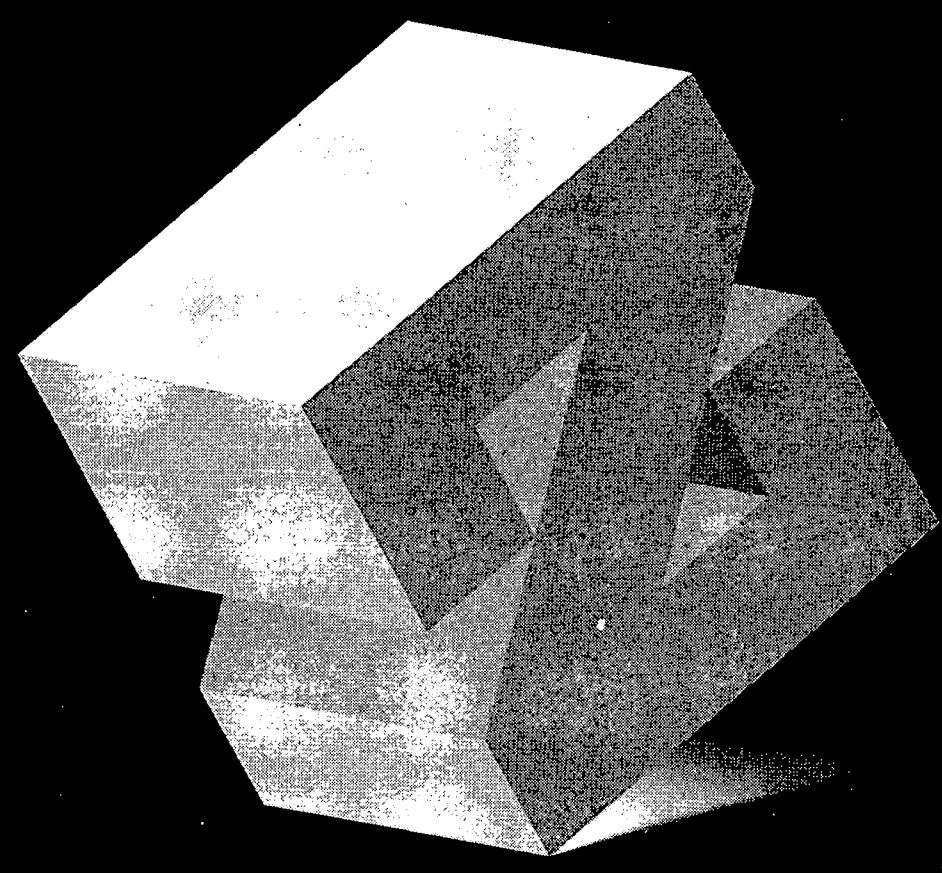

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Paul Revere Volunteer wins Volunteer of the Year

By ???????

For the past four years, Mark Freeman has spent one-day a week working with the students in Lisa Bishop's 4th/5th grade bilingual class at Paul Revere Elementary. Mark assists and instructs the students in a multitude of activities and projects that enrich their educational experiences.

He takes small groups of students aside for read-alouds of multicultural classics; he teaches keyboarding, encouraging them to practice by typing popular rhymes, rap songs, commercials, and prayers; he accompanies the class on field trips from the Alemany Farmer's Market to the San Francisco Symphony to Angel Island.

Mark also teaches math concepts through team-oriented Kitchen Chemistry cooking projects in which the students learn measuring, reading, and social skills as they prepare a recipe and serve the dish to their classmates.

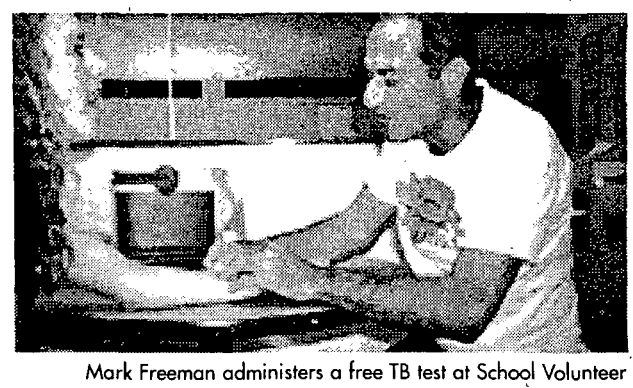
"Little by little over the last three years I've started doing more cooking class because the kids love it. And it's a great way to learn fractions, additions, reading, vocabulary skills, how to serve food, how not to grab, how to share, and how to plan for enough for everybody."

Lisa Bishop, the teacher in whose class Mark volunteers, knows the benefit of these projects. "The students benefit in math because they see a purpose for it. . . Math becomes fun when you eat fractions and measure your cake mixture. . . .My students are also better readers because Mark makes them re-read for understanding when they are cooking and baking."

Mark remembers the role models that he had as a child and is proud to serve as one to the students of Paul Revere. "I think the best thing is just watching the kids' progress, knowing that things are going to get tough in their lives, and maybe I've given them a couple of experiences or tools or a couple of resources that if I hadn't have been there, they wouldn't have."

With that in mind, Mark directs new volunteers to call a non-profit called San Francisco School Volunteers. "It took me a year and a half to take that brochure and act on it. It's one of the best things I've done."

This year, SFSV has returned the favor by naming Mark the 2002 Volunteer of the Year. Mark was selected from a pool of more than 40 candidates, all nominated by the teachers, staff, and students of San Francisco Unified schools. Mark will receive his award on October 22nd, 2002 at SFSV's 18th annual Back to School Lunch at the Westin St. Francis Hotel.



Mark Freeman administers a free TB test at School Volunteer Registration Night at BHNC

SFSV was founded in 1963 to bring community members into the city's public schools. Today, SFSV recruits, trains, and links 3,500 community and business volunteers each year with students in more than 100 schools. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact San Francisco School Volunteers, **749-3700** or visit the organization's website at **www.sfsv.org**.

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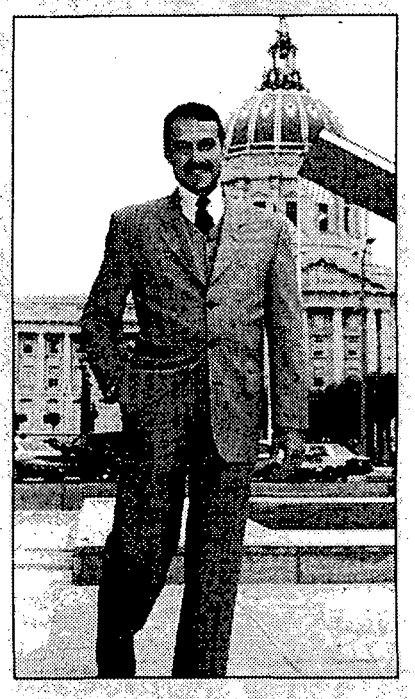

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The Harmida Trio will perform Mozart's Eb Piano Trio, the B Major Trio of Brahms and Lou Harrison's Trio for Violin, Cello, & Piano. The program presents a lovely blend of period styles from the Classical, Romantic and Contemporary periods. This coupled with artists of great talent and expertise should prove to be an extraordinary evening of music.

Event Details

Date & Time: Sunday, November 3, 2002, 7:30 pm
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By Muni: The 24 Divisadero bus stops in front of St. Kevin's Church
Access: Music on the Hill is wheelchair accessible.

Tickets Information

Prices: General $10; Students/Seniors $6:
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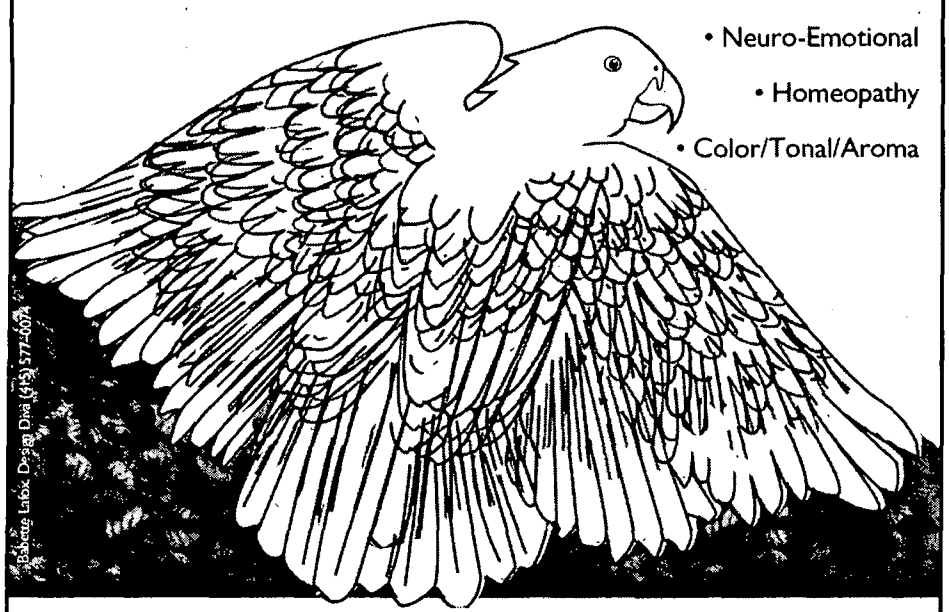

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Senior Corner

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Approximately 8% of all of our new client referrals come directly from a neighbor. This is a modest number in terms of our entire referral base, but each individual neighbor referral signifies a senior in need. The staff of the Senior Services Department regularly receive calls from concerned neighbors that report they may have noticed that the seniors routine might have changed considerably, that they had not seen them in several days or that the senior might have experienced a marked decrease in their functional or cognitive abilities. As referrals are made, we as a staff can begin the work of assessing the needs of these frail seniors, determining what they feel comfortable with and create a workable treatment plan together so appropriate services can be put in place. We appreciate the Bernal neighbors that have come forward to alert us when problems have arisen with the seniors on their block. These neighbors are an important bridge between the senior, their family member and our Senior Services staff. If you know of a frail senior that is in need of services such as general assessment for case management, home delivered meals, advocacy with health care providers etc... please call Karen at **206-2140 x131** or by email at **kgarrison@bhnc.org**.

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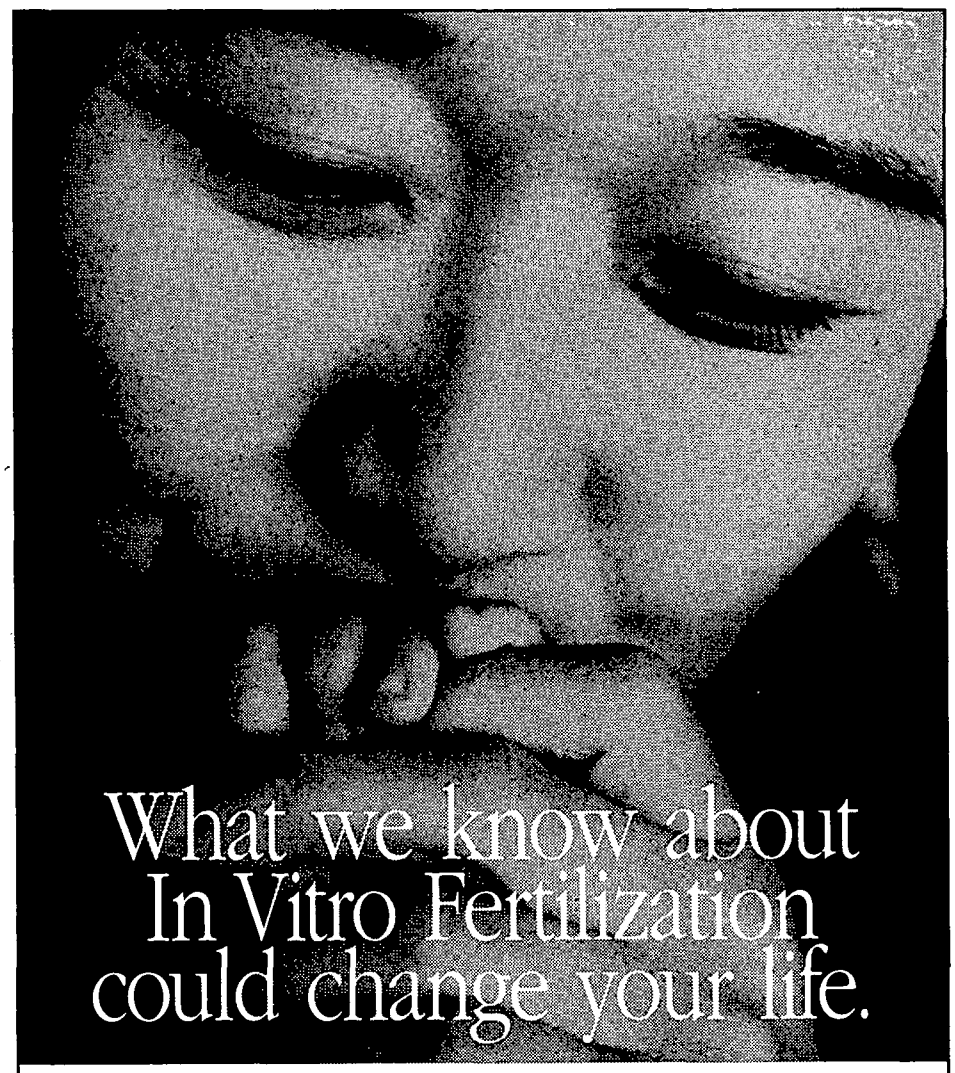

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Youth Services Page

Student Highlight

Mural painted by kids at Bernal Gateway Apartments

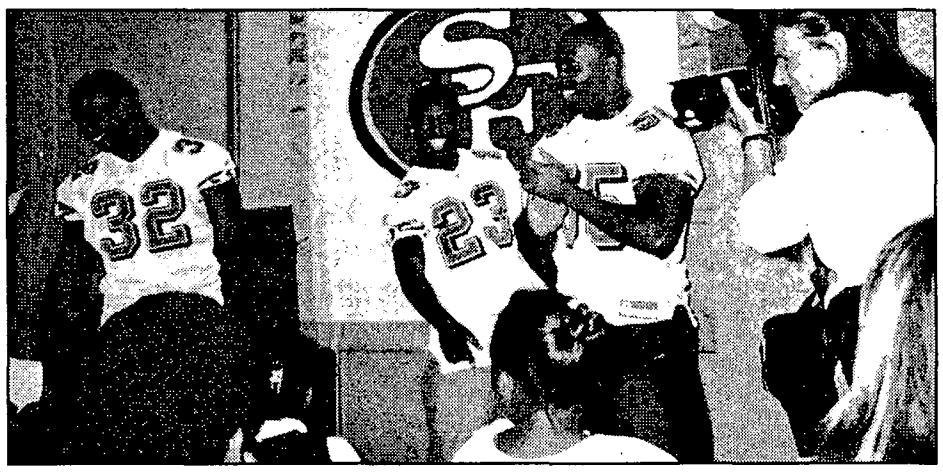
Becky Sandoval was elected September's Youth of the Month by the Bernal Gateway Youth. She is a student at James Lick Middle School, and recently earned an A+ on a paper for her 6th grade English class. She was a contributor in the completion of the Youth Center Mural. Becky helped round up the youth artists and keep the paintbrushes moving. Becky is a remarkable youth who works on her homework during study time and reads to the younger children after. She works well with young children because she helps her parents with her younger brother Melvin. This young woman is an asset to her community and truly a blessing to know.

In Service Day

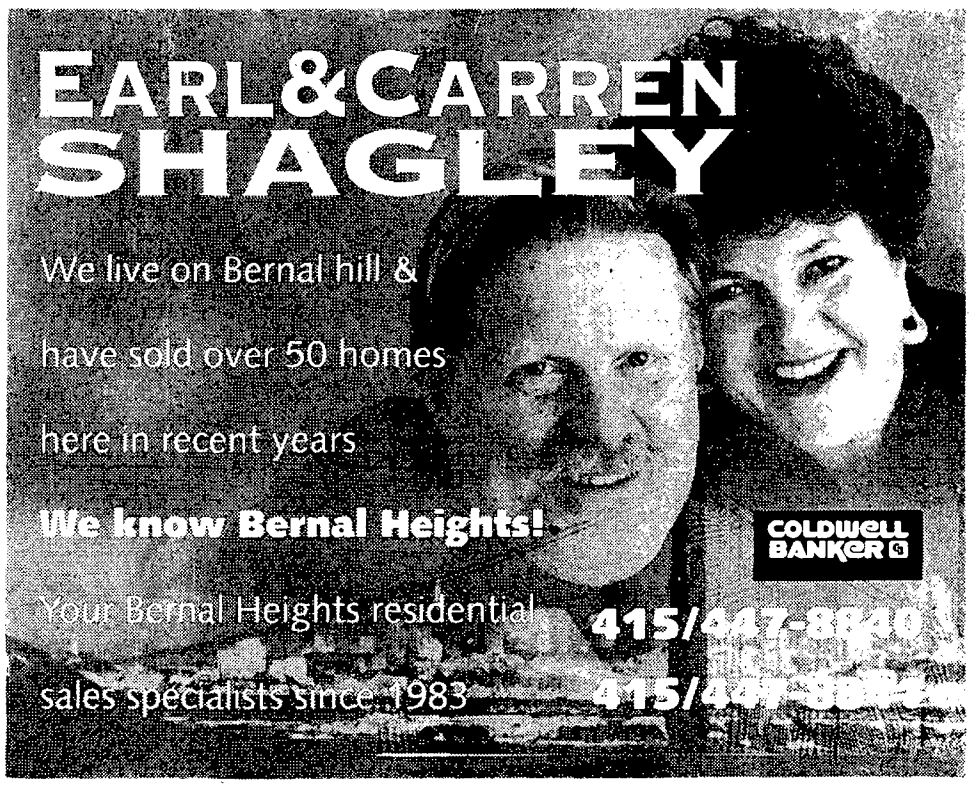
Jandro Alcantar (right) and a Waterfront Teen

A year after the tragedy of September 11th, teens from the Waterfront Program and The Bernal Gateway Apartments did something positive. They spent time reading and mentoring youth from Marshall Elementary School. Located on 16th and Capp, most Marshall Elementary Students come from challenging backgrounds. The teens from the BHNC programs were positive role models for the Marshall Students. The Marshall Students had a chance to see the power that positive youth in their community can have. When it was time to go, Waterfront Teens gave the youth Waterfront T-Shirts to remember them by. But it was not the shirts that left the imprint. The Marshall Students still talk about the fun they had with their teen friends. This was a extraordinary September 11, 2002 for the teens from the BHNC and the youth at Marshall Elementary School.

49ers Visit Youth



Kevan Barlow, Jimmy Williams, and Jamie Winborn meet Bernal Gateway teens at 49er Day event at Chocolate City



Warriors

By L.Bell

Men, women WARRIORS understand the need to shout
Messages into caverns
Are you listening?
Young one, are you listening?
Listen closely.

Their voices fly like boomerangs

And the message they cast comes back again
It comforts, it challenges, it supports, its funny, its raw
And you pray that it comes back again and then again
It gives you dignity
Its real; It believes in you even when you can't believe you
Are actually
In a cavern
In a class room
Or on a corner
In a jail cell
Or in a grave

You will know the voice of a true warrior when you hear it
It is distinct
It is a voice of the unique few
Voices of the unique few can be heard by many-
They aren't multi-lingual. They don't need to be.
They are powerful and loving voices that enter through ears
And travel steadfast to hearts: to you

The unique few speak words that need to be said, that we need to hear
They have powerfully loving voices
Powerfully loving, unique few--
They are beautifully fierce
They make you understand how great it feels to be addressed
Respectfully
They make you understand how great it feels to be recognized
And honored

The unique few HONOR your being
Real warriors honor your being-they honor you.
They are so filled with power and love-that-
They take nothing from you. They will remain your strongest ally.
They are filled with
It all
They are filled with power and love.

Be aware of the warriors in your life.
Seek true warriors in your life. They walk confidently peaceful in your barrio, neighborhood, set, turf
Be aware of the unique few who may be crossing paths with you
Young one, old one, scholar, thug, parent, mentor, pusher, artist, athlete, dropout, musician,
You
Listen and learn. Don't just hear with your ears. Learn.
Seek guidance. Ask questions. Find direction. Grow up. Way up.
Not just 21 years, "live for today because I may die tomorrow"- up. Grow Old.
Fear warnings. Warriors give you seeds, not dried plants or hard rocks or cold steel.
Warriors are wise from experience

Young ones, there have been many killings and a lot of violence
Are you listening?

Walk only with true warriors.

There has been a lot of violence and too many killings.

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They are glad you were born.

To live, revered not feared

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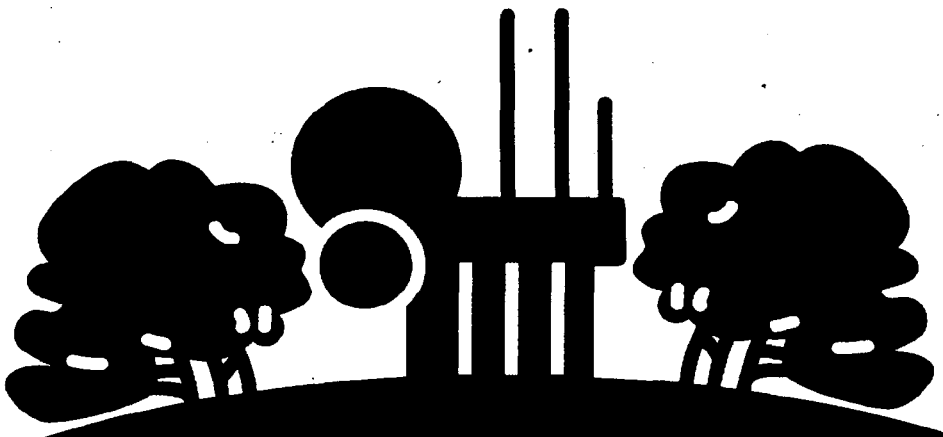

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Salary: $26K - 30K plus benefits. Call Ron Morgan: 206-2140 ext. 155

Senior Services Outreach Coordinator

The Outreach Coordinator is responsible for the planning and implementation of all outreach efforts by: evaluating existing outreach systems and community resources, establishing and enhancing links with community referral sources, coordinating educational and community events, facilitating comprehensive outreach to underserved monolingual populations, designing and writing departmental publications and soliciting increased media coverage for the senior programs. Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent experience.

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Senior Services Social Worker

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Seeking MSW or BA in related field to provide clinical expertise and leadership to a community based case management and referral network program. Must be a self-starter, knowledgeable, creative, resourceful and ideally connected with the Bernal Heights, Excelsior or Outer Mission communities.

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